

A sister, Lanark, Ill.,	10 00
	\$ 49 81
WASHINGTON FUND	
Mrs. Fannie Merrill, Greensburg, Pa.,	\$ 1 00
A. B., Altoona, Pa.,	1 00
Dr. Shaver, Maurertown, Va.,	1 00
Prof. J. M. Bowman, Harrisonburg, Va.,	5 00
Mrs. E. B. Good, New Market, Va.,	25
Offering at Bethlehem conference, Va.,	12 25
Brother & Sister VanLear, Good's Mills, Va.,	1 00
Floyd W. " " " "	10
Edna M. " " " "	10
Dewey M. " " " "	01
Brethren church, Johnstown, Pa.,	10 00
Offerings Washington City church,	22 58
Mrs. John Weaver, Bethlehem, Pa.,	2 00
	\$ 56 29
Total receipts, General fund,	\$ 39 50
" " Chicago "	49 81
" " Washington fund,	56 29
	\$ 145 60

## EXPENDITURES

Cash sent direct to J. O. Talley,	\$ 39 81
Order No. 98, J. O. Talley,	50 00
Cash sent direct to W. M. Lyon,	54 29
Cash sent by the secretary to J. O. Talley,	23 40
	\$ 167 50
Total receipts to June 1,	\$ 1673 71
Total expenditures to June 1,	1685 87

The stipulated expenses of the Board have thus far been \$1750.00 and the receipts as shown above only \$1673 71. This leaves a shortage of nearly one hundred dollars. This is not an alarming amount of shortage but still enough to keep our missionaries in uncomfortable circumstances. The friends will note this statement, I trust.

JACOB C. CASSEL.

## Washington Church Fund

Receipts previously reported	\$3702 50
Agnes Gibson, Rosedale, Cal.	1 00
Ruth Gibson, " "	1 00
Bessie B. Gordon, Salem church, Ind.	5 50
Ida and Pearl Leedy, Goshen, Ind.	2 90
Hatty Mercer, Pretty Prairie, Kan.	50
No name, Nickerson, Kan.	10
Cora Snyder Waterloo, Iowa., brick card	3 10
Brethren Church, Sugar Creek, Iowa	1 80
H. L. Rosenbeger, Maurertown, Va.	2 00
Miss A. E. Armentrout, New Market, Va.	5 70
Mrs. E. G. Good, New Market, Va. brick card	6 25
Mrs. Lizzie Harper & Sons, Ashland, O.	2 00

Total to date \$3734 35

JACOB C. CASSEL, Sec.

## From the National Capital

Another Memorial day has come and gone. Early in the morning, men, women and children began to throng the streets, with baskets heaped with flowers. The most elaborate exercises were held at Arlington, the "great National Home of the soldier dead." It is said that the services were very impressive. Your unworthy servant spent the greater part of the day at home answering letters, some of which were received months ago.

The thought came to me again and again, "O, if only more tokens of love and appreciation were shown the living!" Bring the flowers while weary hearts are here to appreciate them. Do not wait to place them on the grave. As I live longer I am impressed more and more with the great, central char-

acteristic of the Christ life as revealed in Acts 10:38. Does my life tell for Christ so that others could truthfully say of me, "He went about doing good?" But I hear some one say, "Well, it would be much easier to 'spend and be spent' for others if our efforts were only appreciated." Ah, let us remember that the blessed Christ did not wait for appreciation. Was there ever another life on earth so little appreciated as his? And the remembrance of this truth has often proved a great blessing to me. Let me here recite some personal experience. More than once after laboring perhaps with no small degree of interest to help some one in need, to lend a helping hand, in some cases even to those who call themselves "Brethren," and then in return receive words of criticism and condemnation, the first impulse has been to resent such treatment, but with the temptation came the open way of escape as the words of the Master came, (Matt. 5:46,) "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same." And then have I resorted to the infallible formula found in Matt. 5:44, "Pray for them which despitefully use you," and then and there have I more than once tasted much of the joys of heaven. It was while Stephen was praying for those who were stoning him that the heavens opened and he saw Jesus. Matt. 5:12 says, "Rejoice and be exceeding glad." Yes, you can do this even while you may be reviled, persecuted," etc. Beloved, we hear much said sometimes about the "church at Philadelphia" for these Hamlin Brethren, "I will keep thee from the hour of temptation."

During our absence from our own church, Enon, brother Harlin Hallis, of Hudson, filled the pulpit very acceptably to our people the first Sunday, and the Y. M. C. A. boys from Waterloo the second.

Our work at Enon is not ideal in its condition, yet all things considered the brethren are doing very well. Our young people are faithful. I would we might inspire some of the older ones with their zeal.

Perhaps, I ought before this closes to say a word about our work in Waterloo.

We were not able to organize our committees before we went to Kansas hence the work on the church has stood still. But we have the lot and about \$2800 raised and do not intend to let the matter stop now. We shall push it from now on. This last year of the century ought to be the best of our short history. Shall we not all try to make it such.

I am now at Tracy, Minn., where I was called to join in marriage Mr. James H. Gillespie and Miss Bess Livingstone, May 29. The bride is a cousin of our "better half." We leave for home today. Pray for us at Waterloo and Enon. J. S. GILLIN.

The slightest sorrow for sin is sufficient, if it produce amendment; the greatest is insufficient, if it do not.—Colton.

## The Sunday School

## LESSON 12—JUNE 17, 1900

The Feeding of the Five Thousand—John 6:5-14

Golden Text.—Give us this day our daily bread.—Matt. 6:11.

Lesson Thought.—God distributes his spiritual food to the world thru his disciples.

Time.—About a year after the last lesson, immediately after the martyrdom of John A. D. 29.

Place.—In an uncultivated and uninhabited plain, a short distance southeast of Bethsaida, on the northeast shore of the Sea of Galilee.

## Home Readings

John 6:5-14; Mark 8:1-21; I Kings 17:8-16; II Kings 4:38-44; Psalm 107:1-9; Mark 6:30-44.

## Lesson Text

5 Jesus therefore lifting up his eyes, and seeing that a great multitude cometh unto him, saith unto Philip, Whence are we to buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two fishes: but what are these among so many?

10 Jesus said, Make the people sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 Jesus therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, he distributed to them that were set down; likewise also of the fishes as much as they would.

12 And when they were filled, he saith unto his disciples, Gather up the broken pieces which remain over, that nothing be lost.

13 So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which remained over unto them that had eaten.

14 When therefore the people saw the sign which he did, they said, This is of a truth the prophet that cometh into the world.

## Lesson Links

The twelve had returned from their mission on which Jesus had sent them in the lesson of June 3.

Jesus had heard of the death of John the Baptist. And Herod had moved up to his summer home at Tiberias on the western shore of the Lake of Galilee. Jesus at once crossed the lake to a spot near Bethsaida, within the territory of Philip and outside the dominions of Herod.

Christ's work had been confined almost entirely to Galilee. Now, in order to escape the danger consequent on the murder of John the Baptist, Jesus and the disciples went into a country where Herod Antipas, the murderer of John could not reach him.

## The Multitudes

Again the multitudes throng him. They had passed around the head of the lake or across in boats.

When Jesus saw these throngs, like sheep without a shepherd, scattered over the hillside, their mute wretchedness, their dumb wonder and their glaring need of something